

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2384
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 09/08/2023

SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS IN EKLAVYA RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

2384 DR. AMAR PATNAIK:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has State-wise data regarding the number of teaching positions sanctioned and vacant in Eklavya Residential Schools in the country;
- (b) the reasons for shortage of teachers in Eklavya Residential Schools; and
- (c) what measures Government has taken to improve the functioning of the Eklavya Residential Schools?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

(a) to (c): Government has sanctioned 52 teaching and non-teaching posts per Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) for 740 schools with a total of 38480 posts across India. Out of 52 posts, there are 31 teaching posts in each EMRS.

Till 2019, EMRS schools were sanctioned through Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution and were being managed by States. The States managed these schools by appointing teachers through regular recruitment, posting teachers through deputation or hiring on temporary basis. After the scheme was approved as a Central Sector Scheme in 2019, National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous organization which manages and implements the scheme of EMRS, was set up. NESTS got approval of Department of Expenditure for 52 posts per schools for all 740 schools to be set up by 2026 in a phased manner. In the first phase, 10,391 positions of teaching and non-teaching staff are being filled which will take care of not only the requirement of new schools which will be made functional but also the existing vacancies. Recruitment process has been initiated by publishing advertisements for recruitment of teaching staff on 28th June, 2023 and 18th July, 2023.

The capital cost provided for construction of EMRS has been increased to Rs.37.80 crores for plain areas which can further go upto Rs. 48.00 crores in case of Northeast, Hilly and LWE affected areas. Recurring cost of Rs.1,09,000.00 per student per year is given to schools towards recurring expenditure including mess, stationery, uniform etc. for students free of cost. There is a provision of upgradation of old schools at Rs.5 cr per school.
